CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	10.
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Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	26 October 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	26 October 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

This is a horrific image of a what appears to be a dead baby. While viewers of any age are likely to find the image greatly disturbing, children and younger teenagers in particular are likely to be traumatised by it and this may have a sustained negative impact on them. This audience lacks the maturity and experience of older viewers to reflect upon the image and its underlying connotations. The image is therefore restricted to persons at least 16 years of age. This classification interferes with the freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but is consistent with s3 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 to limit the availability of publications likely to be injurious to the public good.